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Amendments To The Claims:

Please amend the claims as shown.

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13. (new) A method for removing a layer area of a turbine component, comprising: treating the turbine component in a salt bath comprising sodium hydroxide and potassium hydroxide;

treating the turbine component with a first acid comprising nitric acid and phosphoric acid; and

adding an oxygen donor to the salt bath.

- 14. (new) The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein potassium hydroxide and sodium hydroxide in a mixture ratio of 1 to 1 % by volume is used for the salt bath.
- 15. (new) The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein two different acid baths are used.
- 16. (new) The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein hydrochloric acid is used as acid for a second acid bath.
- 17. (new) The method as claimed in claim 16, wherein nitric acid and phosphoric acid and then hydrochloric acid is used.
- 18. (new) The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein an ultrasound probe is used in the bath to accelerate the method.
- 19. (new) The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein that before the treatment of the turbine component in the salt bath and/or after the treatment in the salt bath and/or after the first acid treatment and/or after a further acid treatment, the turbine component having a layer area that is to be removed is sand-blasted.

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- 20. (new) The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein that before the treatment of the turbine component in the salt bath and/or after the treatment in the salt bath and/or after the first acid treatment and/or after a further acid treatment, the flow grinding of the turbine component having a layer area that is to be removed is performed.
- 21. (new) The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein at least one oxygen donor is added to the salt bath.
- 22. (new) The method as claimed in claim 21, wherein the oxygen donor is sodium oxide.
- 23. (new) The method as claimed in claim 21, wherein the oxygen donor is a metal oxide.
- 24. (new) The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein the turbine component is watered and dried in at least one intermediate step.
- 25. (new) The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein the turbine component is watered or dried in at least one intermediate step.
- 26. (new) The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein the turbine component is treated with a complex-forming agent in an intermediate or final step.

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Amendments To The Abstract:

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 14 line 1, as follows: --ABSTRACT

Prior art methods for removing a layer area of a component (stripping) lead to poor results since a removal, for example, ensues in a nonuniform manner. In addition, these prior art methods are time intensive. An inventive method for removing a layer area of a component consists of firstly treating the layer areas to be removed with a salt solution and then with acid, whereby in an intermediate or final step, the component is treated with a complexing agent.--